

Ancora Staff win Richard Codey Behavioral Healthcare Quality Improvement Trophy

DMHS is extremely proud to announce that the Lean Six Sigma-Birch Hall Restraint Reduction Quality Improvement project at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital is the 2010 winner of the Richard Codey Behavioral Healthcare Quality Improvement Trophy!

The Ancora Quality Improvement project was selected from a field of over sixty competing projects that were submitted as part of the 2010 Behavioral Health Care Quality Improvement Fair sponsored by the University of Medicine and Dentistry-University Behavioral Healthcare (UBHC) in Somerset , New Jersey on June 2, 2010. UMDNJ Senior Vice President Christopher Kosseff, and New Jersey Senator Richard J. Codey presented the trophy, named in Codey's honor because of the significant contributions he has made to mental health services in New Jersey

The Lean Six Sigma Restraint Reduction Quality Improvement project was a multidisciplinary project, the success of which reflects the dedication and cooperation of staff from every facet of patient care as well as support services. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those individuals who were key to the success of this project, to include Lean Six Sigma QI Team Members Eunice Ajayi, RN, Fola Ajayi, RN, Elisa Boisseau, RN, Lisa Givens, RN, Luna Pascua, RN, Andre Conquest, Ania Crawford, Brenda Davis, Dennis Faliciano, Maurice Fredrick, Don Mentor, Danetta Perry, Tessa Rice, and Carla Wallace. Also to be commended are Lean Six sigma Project Sponsors Denis Ahr and Ethel White, RN, Lean Six Sigma Facilitators Jeff Uhl, PsyD and Dena Young, PsyD, and QI Data Support facilitator Dhea Santana.

UMDNJ started this QI competition eight years ago to encourage innovation and improvement in mental healthcare at UBHC. This year, that competition was opened up to all mental health organizations in New Jersey so that all mental health organizations statewide can benefit from exposure to each other's ideas and best practices, which can only mean better care for our patients. Winning the Richard Codey Behavioral Healthcare Quality Improvement Trophy is a major accomplishment for all at Ancora, and is a symbol of the hard work and commitment of Ancora staff.



Senator Codey presents the award to team leader Dr. Jeff Uhl.



(Left to Right) Dhea Santana, Lisa Givens, Dennis Feliciano, Dr. Dena Young, Senator Codey, Elisa Boisseau, Dr. Uhl



Elisa Boisseau



Allan Boyer, CEO (left) and Dr. Uhl (right) speaking with Senator Codey (center) .